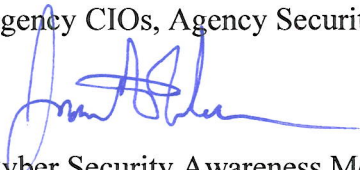


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**Memorandum**

**To:** Agency Heads, Agency CIOs, Agency Security Liaisons, and Interested Parties  
**From:** Jonathan Womer   
**Subject:** October 2012 – Cyber Security Awareness Month  
**Date:** October 1, 2012

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I invite you to join with me and the Enterprise Security and Risk Management Office (ESRMO) in participating in National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Now in its ninth year, National Cyber Security Awareness Month reminds us that protecting our information technology assets and data is important at home and at work.

The Cyber Security Month portal site (<http://esrmo.scio.nc.gov/CyberSecurity.htm>) includes Governor Perdue's Proclamation of October as Cyber Security Awareness Month. The site is rich with information and links to help you and your employees better secure both work and home environments. During Cyber Security Awareness Month, the ESRMO will be sending informational bulletins on cyber security awareness and training opportunities. I encourage you to join in these events.

Cyber Security is a responsibility that we all share to protect our portion of cyberspace and stay safe while online. Like physical security, cyber security is largely a matter of being aware of the potential security threats and taking the preventive measures to avoid a cyber incident.

I hope you will use National Cyber Security Awareness Month to stress the importance of cyber security and provide your employees with guidance for keeping themselves and their families safe online.